AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

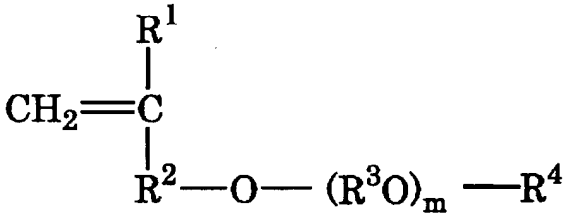
LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A storing and/or transferring method of a polyalkylene glycol ether monomer

which comprises storing and/or transferring a polyalkylene glycol monomer in the form of an aqueous solution,

wherein POV of the polyalkylene glycol monomer is at a level not higher than 2,

and wherein said polyalkylene glycol ether monomer comprises a monomer represented by the following general formula (1):



(1)

in the formula, R^1 and R^4 are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom or a hydrocarbon group containing 1 to 30 carbon atoms; R^2 represents $-CH_2-$, $-(CH_2)_2-$ or $-C(CH_3)_2-$; R^3O are the same or different and each represents an oxyalkylene group containing 2 to 18 carbon atoms; and m represents the average number of moles of the oxyalkylene group represented by R^3O as added and is a number of 15 to 300.

2. (original): The storing and/or transferring method of a polyalkylene glycol monomer according to Claim 1,

wherein a concentration of water in said aqueous solution is not more than 90% by weight, with an amount of the aqueous solution being taken as 100% by weight.

3. (canceled).

4. (previously presented): The storing and/or transferring a polyalkylene glycol monomer according to Claim 1,

wherein said polyalkylene glycol monomer is used as a raw material for production of cement additives.

5. (canceled).

6. (previously presented): The storing and/or transferring a polyalkylene glycol monomer according to Claim 2,

wherein said polyalkylene glycol monomer is used as a raw material for production of cement additives.

7. (canceled).

8. (previously presented): The storing and/or transferring method of a polyalkylene glycol monomer according to Claim 1,

wherein the temperature of the polyalkylene glycol monomer in the form of an aqueous solution is not lower than the pour point of said aqueous solution.

9. (new): The storing and/or transferring method of a polyalkylene glycol ether monomer according to Claim 1,

wherein a storage vessel and a transfer vessel is capable of maintaining a tightly closed state during storage and/or transfer.

10. (new): The storing and/or transferring method of a polyalkylene glycol ether monomer according to Claim 1,

wherein the concentration of water in the aqueous solution is adjusted depending on number of oxyalkylene groups in the polyalkylene glycol ether monomer so that the solution may flow at 20°C.

11. (not entered): A method for the production of cement additives, wherein polyalkylene glycol ether monomer stored and/or transferred according to the method of Claim 9 is used as a raw material.

12. (not entered): A method for the production of cement additives, wherein polyalkylene glycol ether monomer stored and/or transferred according to the method of Claim 10 is used as a raw material.

13. (new): The storing and/or transferring method of a polyalkylene glycol ether monomer according to claim 1,

wherein the polyalkylene glycol ether monomer is stored and/or transferred in a vessel constructed by at least one material selected from the group consisting of stainless steel species, aluminum and iron.